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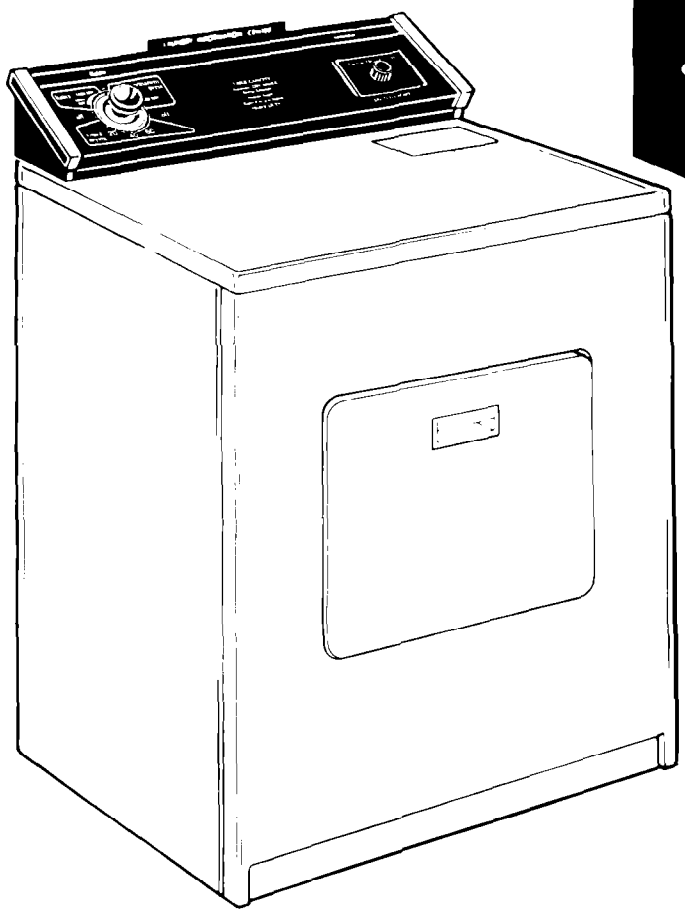

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Electric Model LE6100XS and Gas Model LG6101XS

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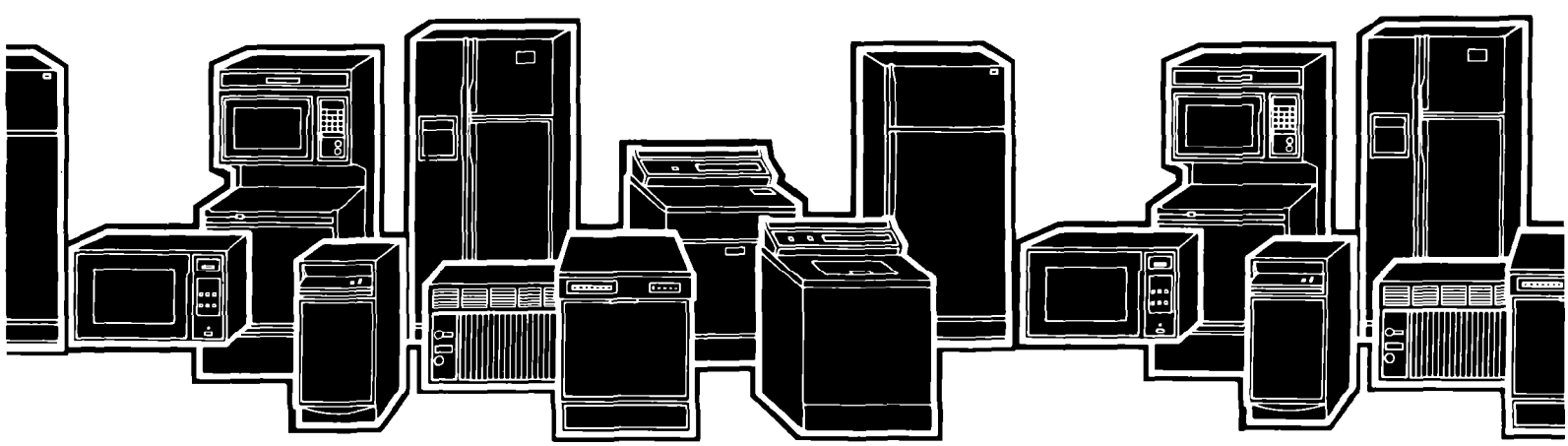

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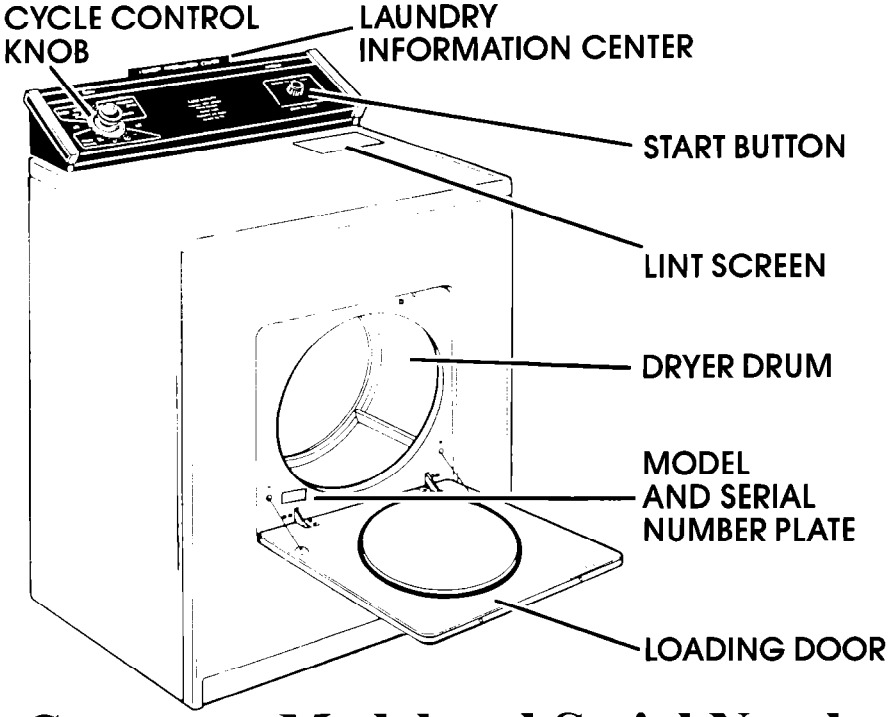

Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label before using your dryer. It will be easier to remove.

Wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth to remove dust from storing or shipping.

Copy your Model and Serial Numbers here

When you need service or call with a question, have this information ready:

1. **Complete** Model and Serial Numbers (from plate located as shown).
2. Purchase date from the sales slip.

Copy this information in these spaces. Keep this book, your warranty, sales slip and "Dryer Guide" in the Laundry Information Center on the back of the dryer console.

Model Number

Serial Number

Purchase Date

Service Company Phone Number

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Your responsibilities

Read this "Use and Care Guide" and your "Dryer Guide" carefully for important use and safety information.

You are personally responsible for making sure that your dryer...

- is installed by a qualified installer.
- is properly maintained.
- is installed in an area protected from the weather.
- is properly installed and leveled in a well ventilated room* on a floor that can support the weight.
- is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7.2°C).
- is connected to the right kind of outlet, electric supply and grounding.*
- is properly connected to fuel and exhaust system.*
- is not run where there may be explosive fumes.
- is not used by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.

*See the "Installation Instructions" for complete information.

Safety first

ALWAYS unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. **Shut off the GAS VALVE** if yours is a gas dryer.

ALWAYS shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation.

NEVER use flammable fluids (dry-cleaning solvents, gasoline, kerosene) in or near your dryer.

ALWAYS hand launder or air dry fabrics treated with flammable fluids before putting them into your dryer.

NEVER dry items containing wax or paint in the dryer. The fumes can create a FIRE HAZARD.

FIRE HAZARD and **DAMAGE** to some materials can result from:

- drying heat-sensitive materials with heat (see page 4).
- operating the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged or missing.
- allowing lint to build up inside the dryer (see page 9).

NEVER allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the dryer.

NEVER operate the dryer if...

- it is not working right.
- it is damaged.
- parts are missing.
- all panels are not in place.

DO NOT let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc., pile up around or under the dryer. **DO NOT** install against drapes or curtains.

• FOR YOUR SAFETY •

IF YOU SMELL GAS:

1. OPEN WINDOWS.
2. DON'T TOUCH ELECTRICAL SWITCHES.
3. EXTINGUISH ANY OPEN FLAME.
4. IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR GAS SUPPLIER.

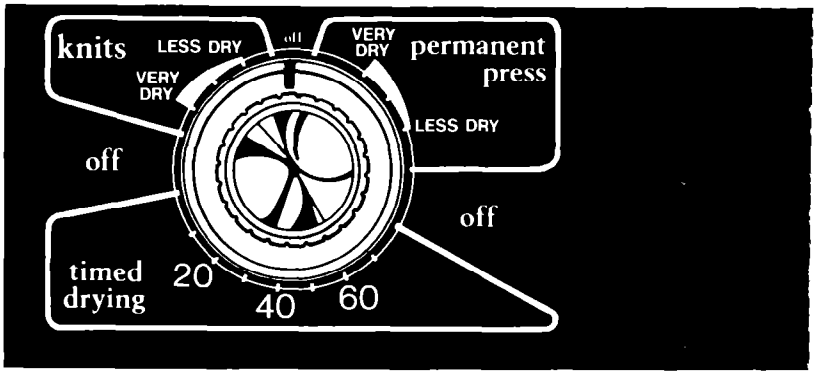
• FOR YOUR SAFETY •

DO NOT STORE OR USE GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE VAPORS AND LIQUIDS IN THE VICINITY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER APPLIANCE.

• SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS •

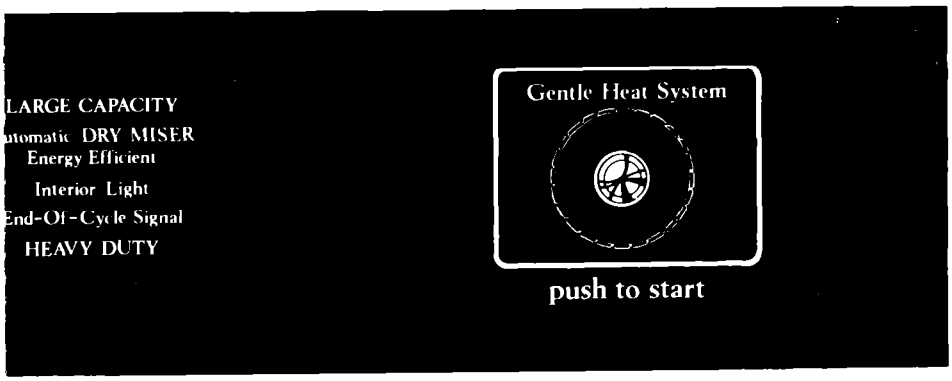
Selecting a cycle and starting your dryer

Before starting your dryer, be sure laundry is sorted and loaded properly (see your "Dryer Guide"). **Be sure the door is tightly closed.**

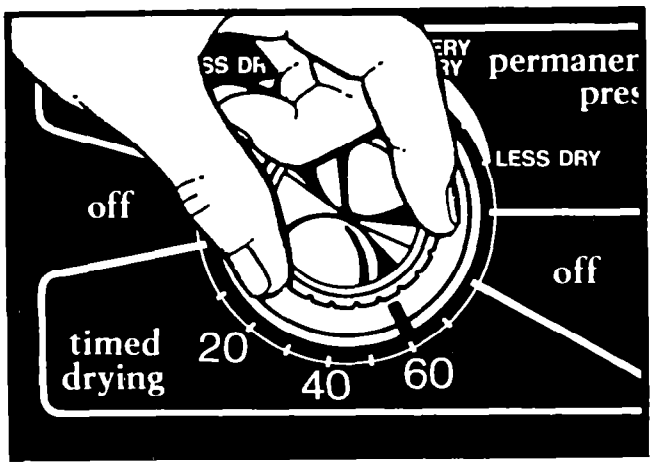


TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE
COTTONS – LINENS EXTRA HEAVY – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts ..... HEAVYWEIGHT FABRICS – Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes ..... MEDIUMWEIGHT COTTONS – Sheets, pillowcases, cotton underwear, diapers ..... LIGHTWEIGHT COTTONS – Batistes, organdies, lingerie	PERMANENT PRESS
PERMANENT PRESS, SYNTHETICS AND BLENDS HEAVYWEIGHT FABRICS – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats ..... MEDIUMWEIGHT FABRICS – Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks ..... LIGHTWEIGHT FABRICS – Lingerie, blouses, dresses	PERMANENT PRESS
KNITS HEAVYWEIGHT – Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts ..... LIGHTWEIGHT – Synthetic (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses	KNITS
LIGHTWEIGHT & DELICATE FABRICS Sheer curtains (2 or 3 panels) ..... Gauze, lace, etc.	KNITS
RUBBER, PLASTIC, HEAT-SENSITIVE FABRICS FOAM RUBBER – Pillows, bras, stuffed toys ..... PLASTIC – Shower curtains, tablecloths ..... RUBBER-BACKED RUGS ..... OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE, SHEER NYLON	LINE DRY (See page 12 of the Dryer Guide.)

WARNING: Drying these and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.

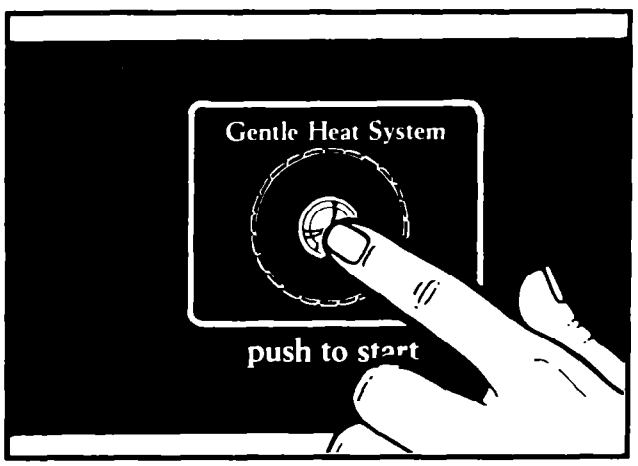


1. Select a CYCLE

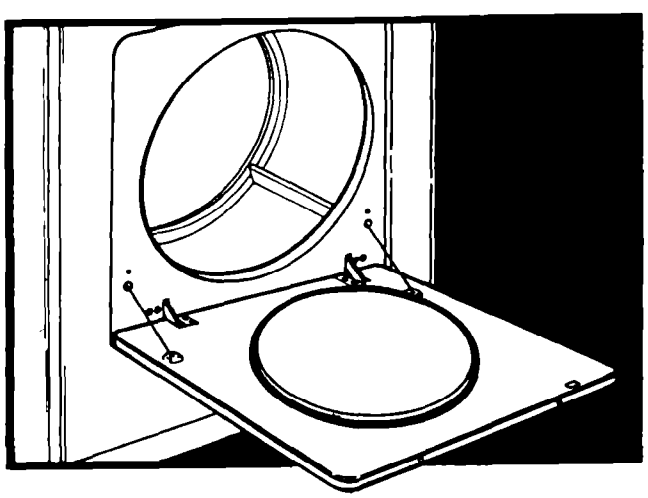


Turn the Control Knob either way to point to the cycle and setting you want. See page 6 for information on the cycles.

2. Push the START Button



The dryer will start tumbling when you push the START Button.



Gentle Heat

The dryer automatically reduces the heat setting in PERM'T PRESS and TIMED DRYING cycles. The last 7 minutes of each of these cycles gradually reduces the dryer temperature to a lower heat setting. This helps prevent over drying.

To stop and restart the dryer

To stop the dryer, open the door (or turn the Control Knob to OFF.

To restart the dryer, close the door, select cycle, if necessary, and push START.

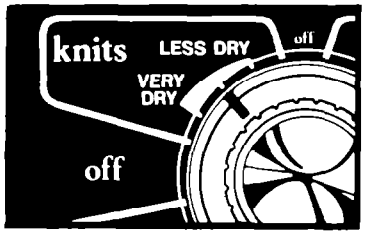
The Cycle Control Knob should point to OFF when the dryer is not in use.

Operating instructions

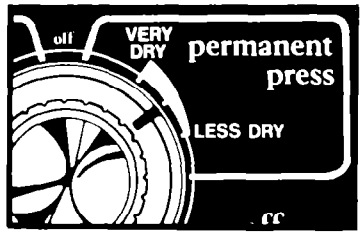
The automatic cycles

The automatic cycles allow you to select the degree of dryness you prefer for the clothes being dried.

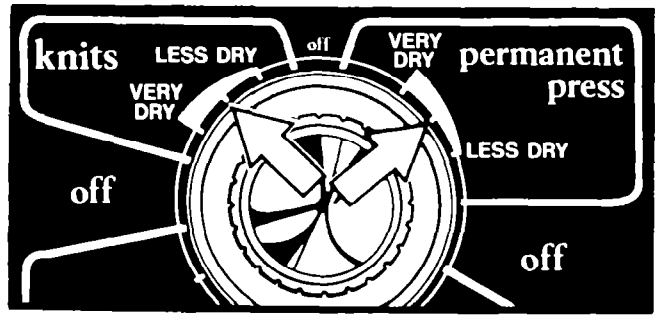
The Control Knob moves and stops several times until the COOL DOWN portion of the cycle is reached. After COOL DOWN, the knob automatically moves to OFF and tumbling stops.



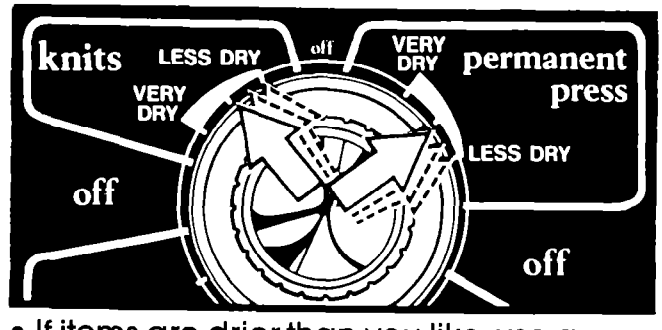
Use KNITS to dry knitted items and lightweight delicate fabrics. **The load tumbles without heat during the last 5 minutes.** This helps make loads easier to handle.



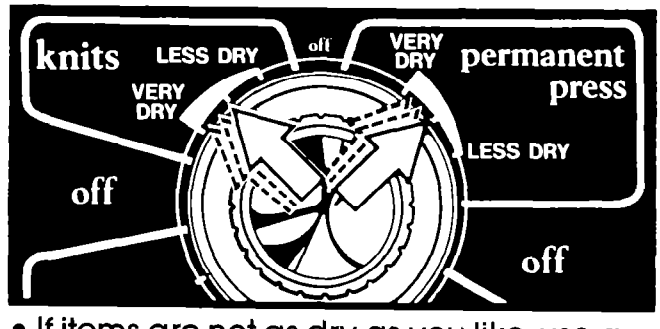
Use PERMANENT PRESS to dry permanent press, cottons, blends and other synthetic fabrics. **The load tumbles without heat for the last 10 minutes.** This helps keep wrinkles from setting in.



For the first few loads, set the Control Knob to point to the middle mark in either automatic cycle. When the dryer stops, feel the dried items.



- If items are drier than you like, use a setting to the right of the middle mark the next time you dry a similar load.



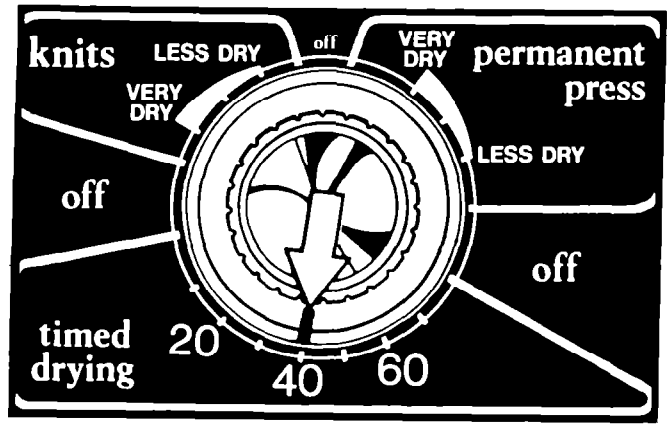
- If items are not as dry as you like, use a setting to the left of the middle mark the next time you dry a similar load.

OVERLOADING CAN CAUSE SHRINKAGE, STATIC CLING AND DAMAGE TO SOME FABRICS.

Timed drying

Use the TIMED DRYING Cycle for any load you want to dry by time (ie...small loads, large loads, large bulky items).

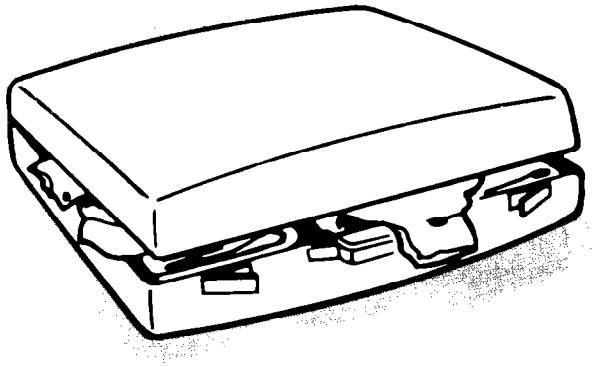
- Turn the Control Knob to the number of minutes you want – from 10 to 70.
- The last 10 minutes of this cycle are without heat – a cool-down time. This helps make the load easier to handle.



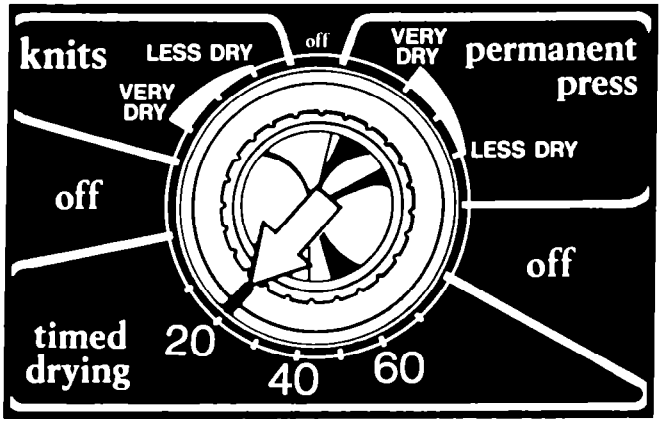
Drying tips

WARNING: Drying plastic or rubber items with heat may damage the items or be a FIRE HAZARD.

TUMBLE PRESS® Setting



The TUMBLE PRESS setting removes wrinkles from clothing such as items that may have been packed in a suitcase, closet, or items not removed from the dryer.



For TUMBLE PRESS:

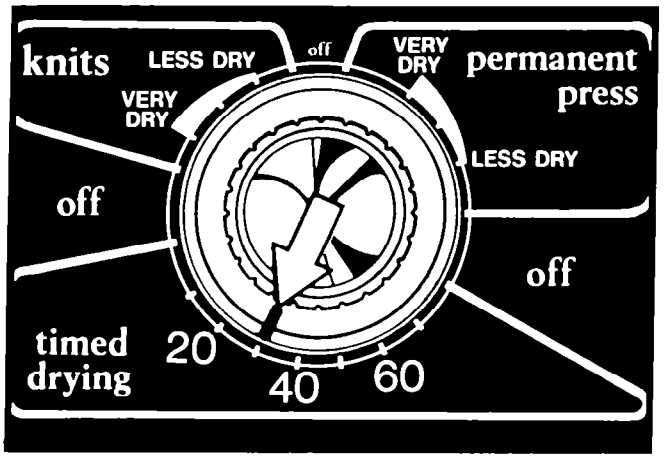
1. Set the Control Knob to the 20 minute mark in the Timed Drying cycle.
2. Push the START Button.

The load will tumble in heated air for 10 minutes. The heat shuts off and the dryer continues to tumble the load for 10 more minutes.

For best results, TUMBLE PRESS only a few items at a time. Put them on hangers or fold them as soon as the dryer stops.

Damp Dry Setting

This setting should be used for damp items that do not require an entire drying cycle.

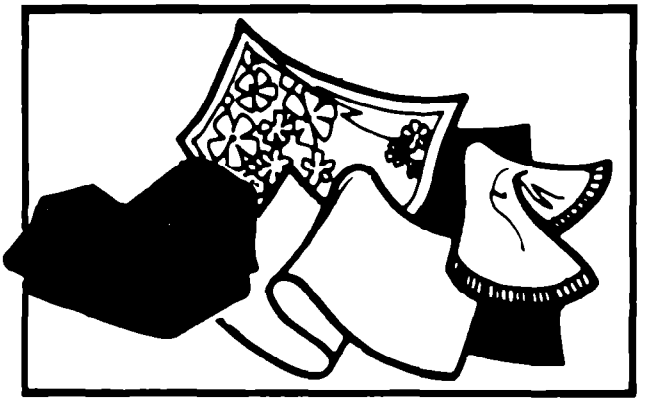


For Damp Dry:

1. Set the Control Knob to the mark between 20 and 40 minutes in the Timed Drying cycle.
2. Push the START Button.

The dryer heats for 20 minutes and continues to tumble the load for 10 minutes without heat on the Damp Dry setting.

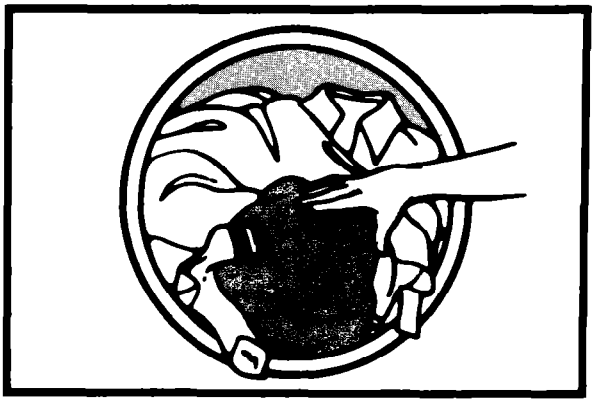
Mixed loads



When drying a load with different kinds and weights of fabrics, use the cycle suggested for the lightest fabrics. When the dryer stops, remove dry items and reset the control.

To reduce wrinkling, take the load from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops. This is important for permanent press, knits and synthetic fabrics.

Drying times

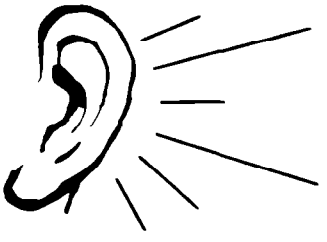


Drying times will vary depending on:

- amount of moisture in the clothes.
- type and weight of the fabric.
- size of the load.
- room temperature around the dryer.
- temperature of the wash rinse water.
- amount of lint in the lint screen.

See page 6 in your "Dryer Guide" for more information.

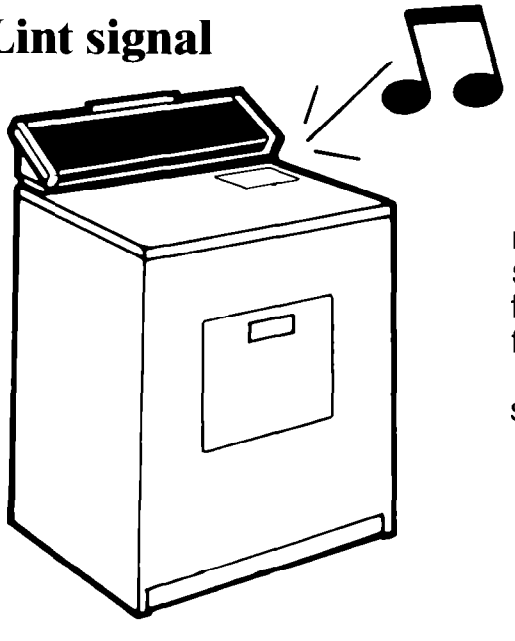
End-of-cycle signal



The dryer sounds a signal to let you know when the cycle is finished. The signal cannot be turned off and is not adjustable.

The signal is helpful when you are drying permanent press, synthetics and other items that should be taken out as soon as the dryer stops.

Lint signal

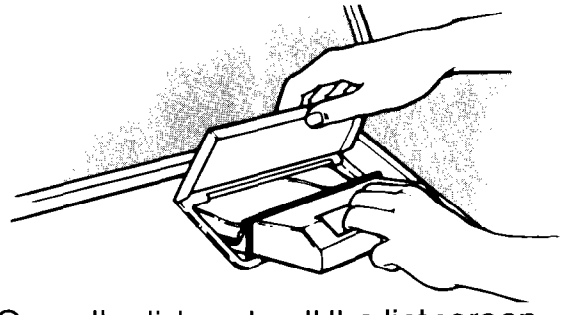


Clean lint screen before each load. If you neglect to clean your lint screen, the signal will sound. The (whistle tone) signal lets you know the air flow is being restricted. Restricted air flow reduces drying efficiency.

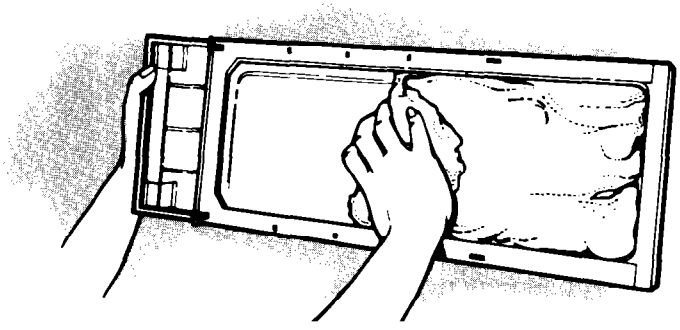
Turn off the dryer and clean the lint screen as shown on page 9.

Lint screen

Clean the lint screen before each load. A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time and may be a FIRE HAZARD.



Open the lid and pull the lint screen straight out.



ROLL the lint off the screen with your fingers.

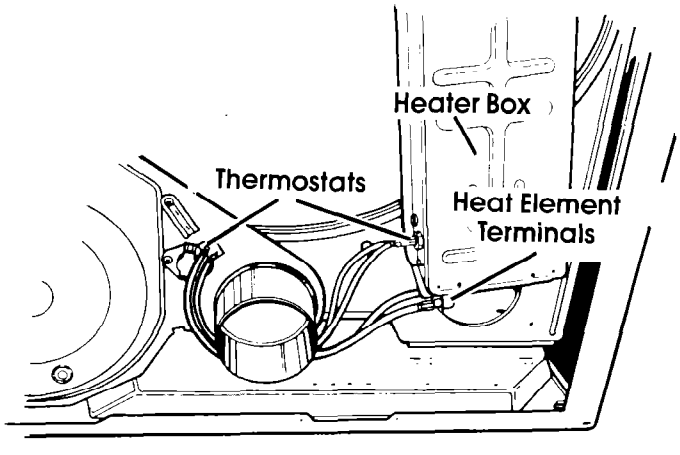
DO NOT rinse or wash the screen.

Push the screen firmly back into place.

WARNING: DO NOT run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged or missing. Doing so can cause overheating, can damage fabrics and can be a FIRE HAZARD.

Lint removal

Lint can gather inside the dryer and create a fire hazard. **This should be removed every 2 to 3 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage.**



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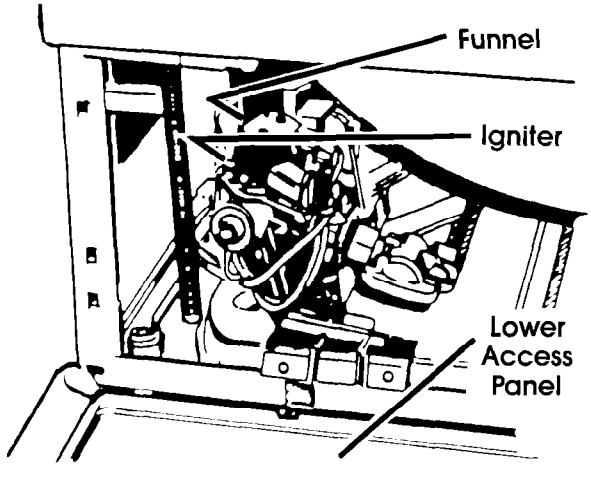


GAS DRYERS

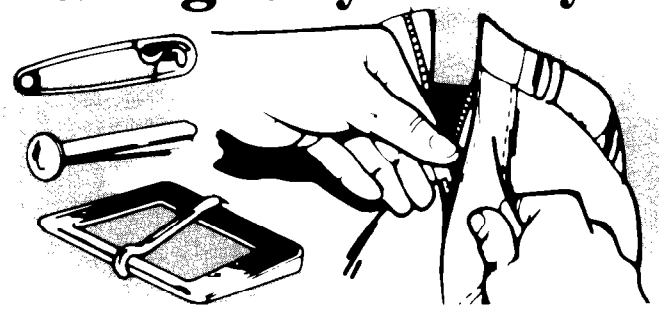
Cleaning should be done only by a qualified person.

WARNING:

- Avoid electrical shock hazard – unplug power supply cord or turn off electrical power.
- Avoid injury or damage – do not put hands inside cabinet.
- Make sure dryer is cool.

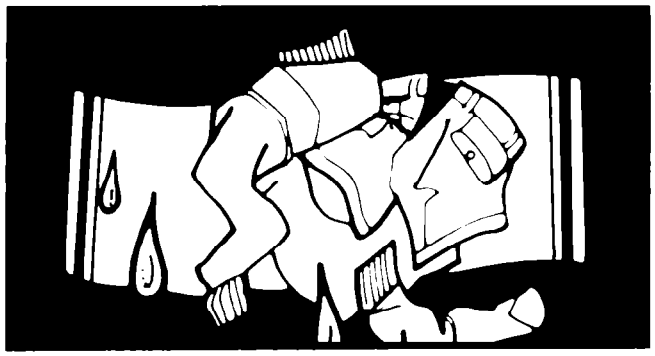
1. Remove back panel (electric) or lower access panel (gas).
2. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats, funnel or igniter.
3. Remove lint from shaded area – see art – with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner.
4. Replace panel; reconnect and re-level dryer.

Caring for your dryer

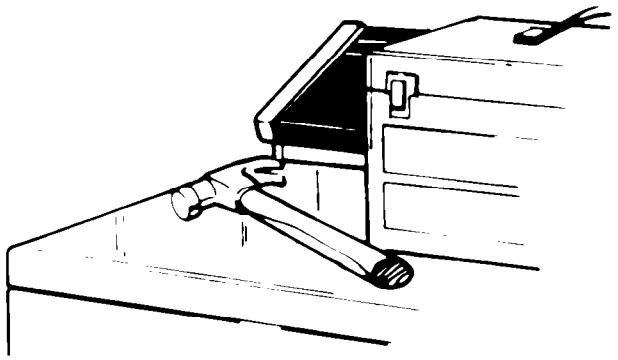


Remove loose and sharp objects from pockets and cuffs before drying – pins, buckles, etc. **Close metal zippers.**

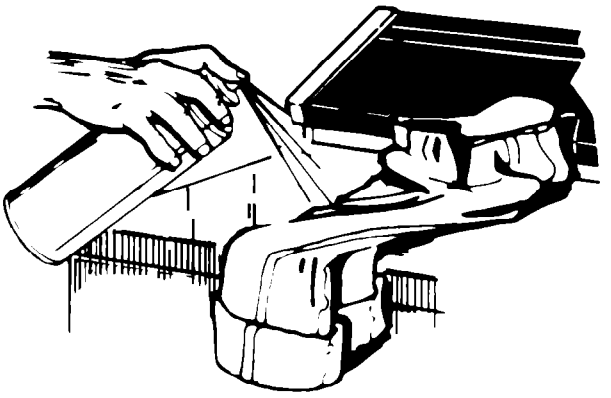
Wipe off all spills with a damp, soft cloth. Spills allowed to remain may dull or damage the finish.



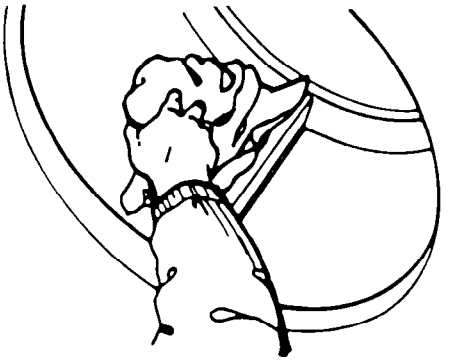
Never leave wet or damp laundry in your dryer.



Sharp or heavy objects should never be put on or in the dryer. Check pockets for bolts, nuts, etc.



Some pretreatment products can damage dials, consoles and finish. Do not use these products on or near your dryer.



Cleaning dryer interior

WARNING: Before cleaning interior, unplug power supply cord, or turn off electrical power to avoid electrical shock hazard.

Garments which contain unstable dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior. If the interior is discolored, clean with one of the following methods to avoid staining later loads.

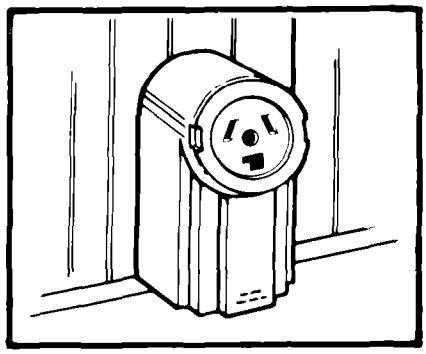
Powdered laundry detergent and very warm water

Make a paste with detergent and very warm water. Apply paste to a soft cloth and scrub area until all excess dye is removed. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth. Tumble a load of rags. – **OR** –

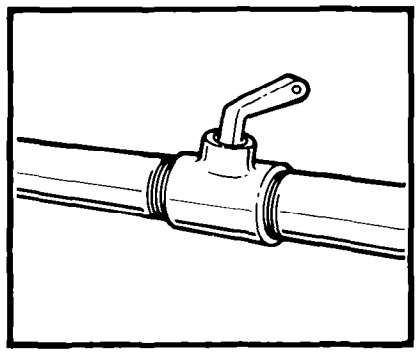
Liquid spray household cleaner

Spray on stained area. Rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed. Tumble a load of rags.

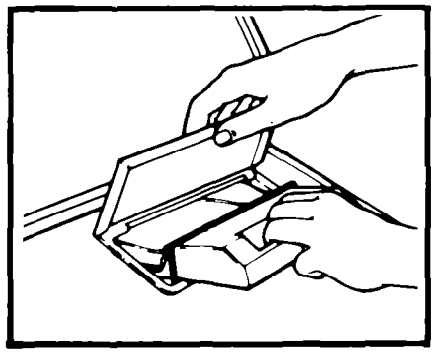
Vacation care



Unplug power cord or turn off electrical power.



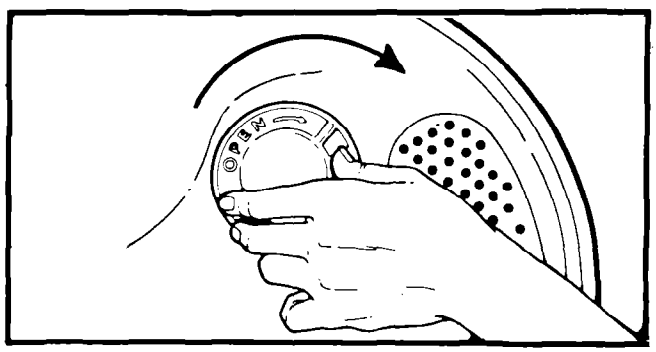
For gas dryers, close the gas valve.



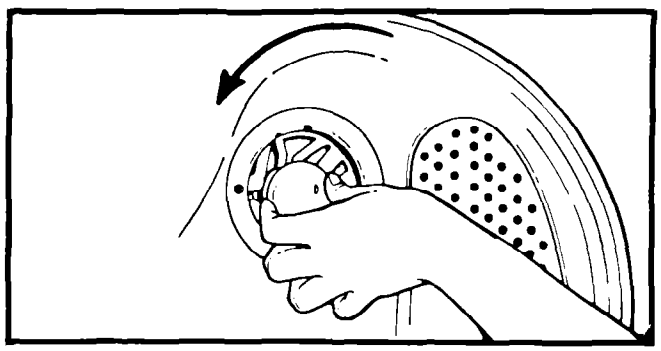
Clean the lint screen.

Changing the drum light

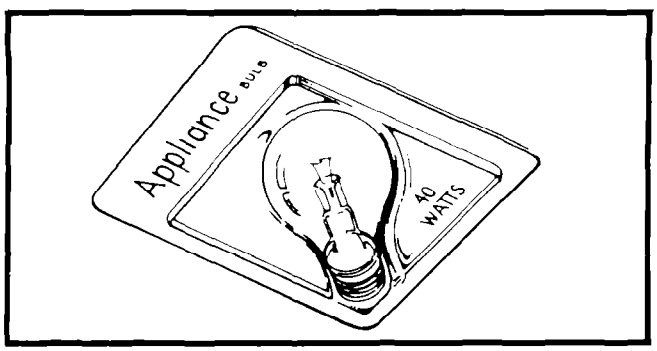
WARNING: Unplug the dryer to avoid possible electric shock.



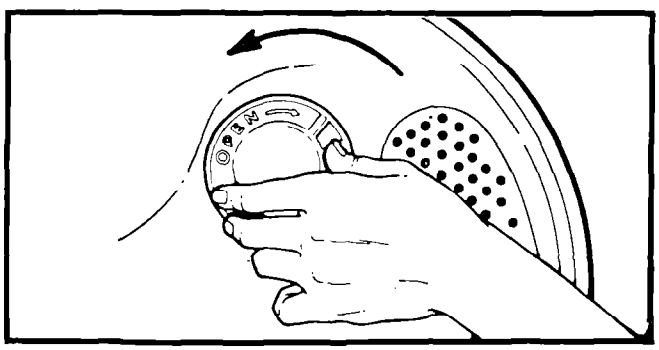
1. Open the dryer door and remove the light cover by turning it clockwise.



2. Remove the light bulb by turning it counterclockwise.



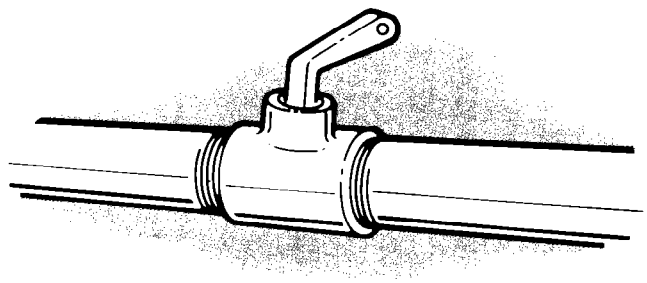
3. Replace the light bulb only with a 40-watt appliance bulb available from most hardware, grocery or variety store.



4. Replace the light bulb cover and lock it in place by turning counterclockwise.

CAUTION: The bulb cover must be securely in place during dryer operation to prevent overheating and possible damage to fabrics. Operating the dryer with the bulb cover removed can cause the dryer to fail or create a FIRE HAZARD.

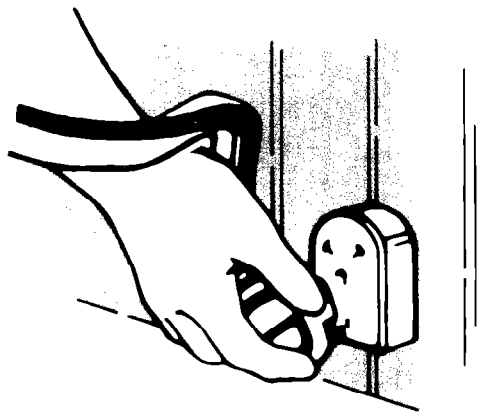
If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these four steps:



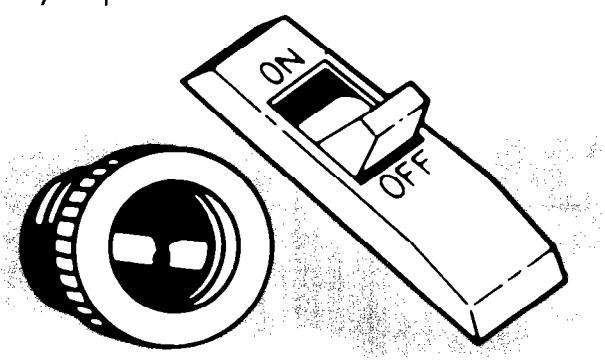
1. Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

IF YOUR DRYER DOES NOT RUN:



- Is the power supply cord plugged in?
- Is the door closed tightly?
- Did you push the START Button?

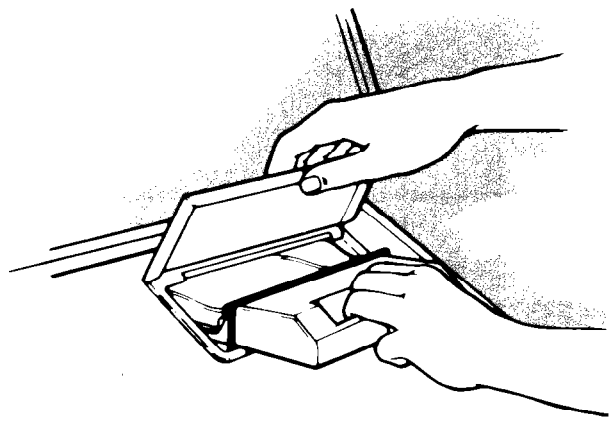


- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

IF YOUR DRYER DOES NOT HEAT:

- Is the Control Knob set to the mark left of 20 minutes in the Timed Drying cycle? The last 10 minutes are without heat.
- Is the gas turned on? If not, turn the Control Knob to OFF. Turn on gas. Wait 5 minutes. Reset controls and start.
- An electric dryer uses a circuit breaker or 2 fuses. If one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

IF DRYING TIMES SEEM TOO LONG:



- Is the lint screen clean?
- See page 7 of this book or page 6 of your "Dryer Guide."

2. If you need assistance*...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from:

Continental U.S. ..... (800) 253-1301
Michigan ..... (800) 632-2243
Alaska & Hawaii .... (800) 253-1121

and talk with one of our trained Consultants. The Consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

3. If you need service*...

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Whirlpool has a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE® Service Companies. TECH-CARE service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate TECH-CARE service in your area, call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES-HOUSEHOLD
MAJOR-SERVICE & REPAIR

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OR

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SERVICE COMPANIES
XYZ SERVICE CO
123 Maple 999-9999

4. If you have a problem*...

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our Consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Robert Stanley
Division Vice President
Whirlpool Corporation
2000 US-33, North
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

*If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.

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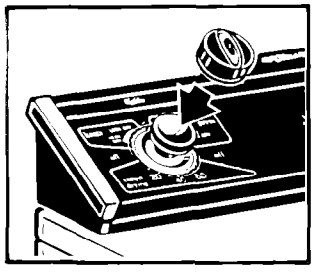
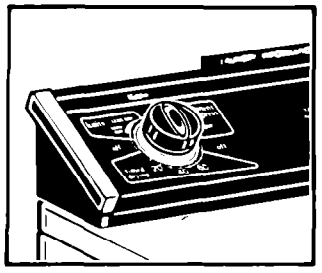
For visually and physically impaired consumers

The dryer (LE6100XS/LG6101XS) you have purchased features **easy to read:**

- control panel instructions
- Use & Care literature





For consumers who have difficulty turning the control knobs, an **Easy Grip Knob kit** is available. The kit includes easy to grip rubber control knob covers for your dryer and the matching washer (LA6100XS).

For visually impaired consumers, audio cassettes and Braille Use & Care literature are also available.

If you need the **Easy Grip Knob kit, Braille or audio cassette** version of Use & Care literature in order to use this appliance, please write to:

Literature Department
Whirlpool Corporation
LaPorte Division
1900 Whirlpool Drive
LaPorte, IN 46350

Select one of the following materials:

Kit 389211	**Easy Grip Knob kit***
Kit 787482	**Audio Cassette Use & Care literature**
Kit 787481	**Braille Use & Care literature**

*One Easy Grip Knob kit contains knob covers for both your dryer and the LA6100XS washer. If ordering for both appliances, order only one kit.

Include your name, mailing address plus the model and serial numbers for your Whirlpool appliance to the address shown above. We will send the kit you select at no charge.

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